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ALLEGED GERMAN SPY ARRESTED IN PARIS (KY.)

Suspected of being in the pay of the Imperial German Government at Berlin, and of being a part of the gigantic spy system Germany is endeavoring to maintain in this country, a man giving his name as Geo. Majors, occupation a soldier, was placed under arrest in Paris by Chief of Police Link and taken to the Paris jail.

The man was arrested in Paris two weeks ago by Chief Link on a nominal charge of drunkenness. He was tried and given a sentence of seven and a half days in jail. He told Link that he was a member of a machine gun company at Fort Thomas, Company 22, so he stated. Investigation showed that there was no such company stationed there. Chief Link decided to hold the man on suspicion, and see what could be learned of him. He was put through a course of "sprouts" at the jail, but stuck to his first story all the way through.

Further suspicion was cast upon Majors after United States secret service officers, who had been notified, visited him here and put him through a course of grilling. He told them that he had been associated with a Captain Cutts, of the army, and was receiving his orders through him. Cutts is said to have been touring the country for the past fifteen months in the garb of a captain in the United States infantry.

Majors was taken in charge by Deputy United States Marshall Finnel, of Covington, on the specific charge of impersonating an orderly sergeant in the United States army, and with unlawfully wearing the uniform of a United States soldier. He was taken to Lexington, where he will appear before United States Commissioner Samuel S. Yantis tomorrow morning for a hearing.

The star witness in the case, according to information from the authorities, in a Frankfort woman, to whom Majors is alleged to have written, telling her that he was not a United States soldier, as he had represented himself to her, but that he was a representative of a foreign government. The trial of the suspected spy at Lexington tomorrow will be attended by a special agent of the Department of Justice, who will come from Washington for the purpose.

Majors persisted even in Lexington in denial of the charges that he was a spy and denied most vehemently that he was without authority to wear the uniform of a United States soldier. He also denied that he was the agent of any foreign government. He claims to be a native of Cynthiana, and says that he was in the marine service of the United States from 1908 to 1912.

The night before his removal from the Paris jail to Lexington, Majors made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the jail. He had pried all the cement from around a large stone in his cell, but a fellow-prisoner who had knowledge of his plans tipped them off to Jailer Jos. Farris. Search of the cell disclosed an iron bar in Majors' bed under the mattress. How it got there no one about the jail was able to tell, but if his plans had not been exposed in time Majors could easily have made his escape.

Papers found on Majors' person at the time of his arrest indicated that he had traveled a great deal in the company of "Captain Cutts," and that he had made at least one trip to Porto Rico, and one across the Atlantic on a ship of the Allies, as an orderly of "Captain Cutts." He wore on his coat a sharpshooters' medal, but it was of a different regiment and had been awarded to a man with a different name.

CHICKEN THIEF ARRESTED

At the request of Chief of Police Link, of Paris, Winchester police arrested John Craycraft in Winchester, charged with stealing twenty-four chickens from Mrs. John Shepherd, of North Middletown.

Chief Link received information that led him to believe the thief was headed for Winchester. It was found that Craycraft had sold the fowls to a Winchester poultry dealer. He was brought to Paris and jailed. Craycraft was presented before Judge McMillan, Saturday morning, and entered a plea of not guilty. He was held over in \$500 bond to appear before the grand jury at the next term of the Bourbon Circuit Court.

CARLISLE DEFEATS PARIS BY ONE-SIDED GAME

Paris and Carlisle baseball teams crossed bats at the old Bluegrass League Park, Sunday afternoon, the Nicholas county delegation defeating the Paris team by a score so badly one-sided that it will hardly bear publication. A scrap between two spectators contributed to the gaiety of the occasion, and took the attention of the spectators temporarily from the exhibition of how-not-to-play ball.

OFFICERS SELECTED FOR STATE PRIMARY ELECTION.

A meeting was held in the office of County Clerk Pearce Paton, in the court house, Saturday, for the purpose of selecting election officers to conduct the primary in this city and county at the August election. An agreement had been previously made that the officers for the city should be chosen by Judge E. B. January and the officers for the county precincts named by County Judge C. A. McMillan, candidates for the respective offices of Mayor of Paris and Judge of the Bourbon County Court.

All the candidates or their representatives submitted lists from which the following officers were named to supervise the election at the polls in the city and county on Saturday, August 4:

Paris No. 1—Thos. Butler, Sheriff; Ed. Hedges, Frank P. Lowry, judges; Newton Mitchell, clerk.

Paris No. 2—Frank Roche, sheriff; E. F. Prichard, John Duvall, judges; Swift Champ, clerk.

Paris No. 3—J. M. Scott, sheriff; Denis Dundon, J. S. Wilson, judges; A. T. Rice, clerk.

Paris No. 4—Harry Marsh, sheriff; J. M. O'Brien, Martin O'Neill, judges; C. J. Lancaster, clerk.

Paris No. 5—M. F. Kenney, sheriff; J. F. McCarthy, T. P. Woods, judges; Harvey Hibler, clerk.

Paris No. 6—John Mastin, sheriff; Tom Mynes, H. C. Clark, judges; J. W. Thomas, clerk.

Millersburg No. 1—John Leer, sheriff; N. F. Collier, Mack Grimes, judges; E. M. Thomasson, clerk.

Millersburg No. 2—John Stewart, sheriff; George Stoker, Jos. Caldwell, judges; Layson Tarr, clerk.

Flat Rock No. 2—Frank Collins, sheriff; F. M. Fister, C. R. Walls, judges; Walter Kenney, clerk.

Flat Rock No. 1—I. T. Crouch, sheriff; J. E. Boardman, W. B. Crouch, judges; F. F. Burris, clerk.

North Middletown No. 1—Bert Rash, sheriff; Frank Sledd, Magnus Rash, judges; Ben Bivin, clerk.

North Middletown No. 2—W. F. Mitchell, sheriff; John Hash, Ben Woodford, Sr., judges; C. C. Hadden, clerk.

Clintonville No. 2—J. Frank Clay, sheriff; C. V. Higgins, James Ingels, judges; W. B. Pinckard, clerk.

Clintonville No. 1—Brutus Clay, sheriff; J. R. Price, B. S. Parrish, judges; Varden Shipp, clerk.

Hutchison No. 1—Frank Buchanan, sheriff; Ike Wilcott, Wm. Meeter, judges; C. R. White, clerk.

Hutchison No. 2—F. L. Lapsley, sheriff; W. B. Ardery, John Towles, judges; C. R. White, clerk.

Centerville No. 2—J. Miller Ward, sheriff; John Clay, Charles Cox, judges; J. H. Ewalt, clerk.

Centerville No. 1—Ben Rucker, sheriff; Joe Leach, H. C. Clifford, judges; Vol Ferguson, clerk.

Ruddles Mills No. 1—J. C. Keller, sheriff; Geo. Wyatt, Arthur Hendricks, judges; James Fisher, clerk.

Ruddles Mills No. 2—Lee Linville, sheriff; B. B. Marsh, Geo. Current, judges; W. S. Isgrigg, clerk.

UNION SERVICES BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

At the meeting of the Cabinet of the Young People's Societies of Paris, held recently, the following schedule of union services to be held in the Protestant churches of Paris under the auspices of the organization, was arranged:

August 5—Methodist Church—Christian Endeavor, of Christian Church, in charge of program.

August 12—Baptist Church—Christian Endeavor, of Presbyterian Church, in charge of program.

August 19—Episcopal Church—B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the service.

August 26—Christian Church—Epworth League of Methodist Church will render program.

All the above services will begin at 6:30 o'clock, being held each Sunday evening preceding the regular preaching service. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and the young people of the city are especially urged to be present.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the City Union will be held Sunday afternoon, August 26, at 3 o'clock at the Baptist Church, at which time officers for the coming year will be chosen.

B-4 FIRE

Insure with W.O. HINTON & SON, Agts

BIDS TOO HIGH ON NEW SCHOOL ADDITION.

At the recent meeting of the City Council bids for the erection of the new additions to the white and colored city schools, provided for by a recent bond issue, were submitted by several prominent contractors.

The bids were discussed and considered as being too high, the lowest bid on the two wings for the white school being about \$50,000, and the addition to the colored school about \$20,000.

No action was taken in the matter by the Council, and action was deferred until a future meeting, when it will be taken up again. The improvements will probably not be made until the prices of material are lower.

THE FARMER AND THE SCHOOL TAX.

The new tax law enacted by the recent Legislature will govern the assessment to be made the first of September.

Under this law the heaviest burden of taxation will fall on the farm lands of Kentucky. Does the farmer, in addition to this burden, wish still further to increase his taxes? If so, the coming primary will give him the chance. Listen! Each County Superintendent of Schools has the right to have levied and collected 20 cents on each one hundred dollars' worth of property in the county and a poll tax of one dollar and fifty cents for school purposes in addition to all other taxes.

Mark this statement of school taxes in the counties which touch Bourbon:

Fayette, 20 cents.
Scott, 15 cents.
Harrison, 12 1/2 cents and \$1.50 poll tax.

Nicholas, 20 cents and \$1.00 poll tax.

Montgomery, 20 cents and \$1.00 poll tax.

Bath, 20 cents and \$1.00 poll tax.

Clark 10 cents. But Clark has three graded schools in the county which assess 35 cents or more.

Bourbon county has 10 cents only, and no poll tax. With this ten cents Miss Robbins, besides extending the school term to eight months, has built 28 new school houses. There are 44 districts, white and colored, in the county. She has steadily opposed any increase of the tax burden, and in another term could have a new house in each remaining district where one is needed without a cent of additional tax.

Mr. Caywood is very enthusiastic about the improved school houses and higher salaried teachers he will install if elected.

There is only one way to carry out his theory, and that is to raise the tax rate to the limit.

Don't imagine he can't do this. If the Fiscal Court refused to make any levy, which the Superintendent asked for, to meet the needs of the schools within the limit allowed by law he could force them to make it by mandamus proceedings in the courts.

If there is any doubt anywhere that Mr. Caywood intends to increase the school tax it can easily be removed by nominating him.

And remember: When the added tax is once levied it will not be reduced later. It is the habit of taxes always to increase and never diminish.

TAX PAYER.

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Tobacco Hall Insurance.
Thomas, Woodford & Bryan.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT TO SUCCEED W. H. ANDERSON.

The appointment of Mr. J. H. Morrison, of Birmingham, Ala., to succeed the late Mr. W. H. Anderson as Superintendent of the Kentucky Central division of the Louisville & Nashville was confirmed Saturday by an official announcement to the employees of the division and the headquarters in Paris by General Manager B. M. Starks, in Louisville.

The new superintendent is an experienced railroad man, having been assistant superintendent of the South and North Birmingham Mineral division of the Louisville & Nashville with headquarters in Birmingham. Mr. Morrison is a native of Elizabethtown, Ky., and has been in the Louisville & Nashville service for twenty-five years. He is a man who will become very popular here, it is predicted.

Mr. Morrison arrived in Paris last week and immediately began familiarizing himself with the duties of his new position. He will take charge officially tomorrow. It is thought the office force will remain unchanged, as it is very doubtful if the personnel could be improved for efficiency.

Another appointment announced by General Manager Starks at the same time was that of Mr. W. F. Sheridan, well-known in Paris, to be Superintendent of the Louisville division. Mr. Sheridan was formerly Inspector of Rolling Stock and later Assistant Superintendent of the Louisville division.

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

Read The A. J. Winters Co.'s advertisement and see what is in store for you.

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THE BIG AUGUST DANCE.

John Stuart, and Ireland "Bit" Davis could not have found a more suggestive title for a dance than the one they have chosen for their next venture, the "Big August Dance."

True there will be nothing very august about it save the title, as it will be an occasion of merriment, with nothing smacking of royalty or solemnity to mar the occasion.

Indications are that the attendance will be the largest of any similar occasion this summer, the summer that is now on the wane. Music will be furnished by the Smith Saxophone Orchestra, which will positively fill that date Wednesday, August 1, at the Masonic Temple ballroom, in Paris. The hours will be from nine to three-thirty o'clock.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT RED CROSS SUPPER.

Following a fight Saturday night at the conclusion of a Red Cross ice cream supper at the Hill School House on the Hawkins & Cummins pike, between Jacksonville and Centerville, Oscar Willoughby was shot and dangerously wounded by a neighbor, Henry Harp.

The crowd was just leaving the school house after the supper, when a disagreement arose between Willoughby and Harp, the nature of which has not been revealed. The two men came out in the school yard, when the quarrel which started in the building, was resumed. Harp drew a revolver and fired two shots, one taking effect in Willoughby's neck. Harp made his escape, and is still at large, despite a vigorous search being made for him by the Fayette and Bourbon county officials.

Willoughby was removed to his home near Old Union, and was later brought to the Massie Memorial Hospital, in Paris, where he lies in a critical condition.

Sheriff Talbot, Deputies McClintock and Marshall, with a posse, went to the scene of the shooting immediately on receipt of a telephone message and made a search for the shooter, who was said to be in hiding at the home of his brother, near Old Union, but returned unable to locate him. The Fayette and Bourbon officials were still searching yesterday for Harp, but to no avail.

PARIS MERCHANTS TO CO-OPERATE IN WAR MOVEMENT.

Paris merchants are preparing to co-operate with the War Advisory Council in the movement to conserve the National resources during the war with Germany.

One source of great waste, the Advisory Council states, is the practice of requesting the retail merchants to make unnecessary deliveries of small articles and to send goods out on approval, thus requiring two trips of the delivery vehicle.

This is wasteful in two ways—it consumes in the aggregate an enormous quantity of fuel, and increases the demand for labor which might be more profitably employed in other ways.

The War Council makes a patriotic appeal to the women of the land to carry their small bundles home, to make certain that they really want articles before leaving the store, and whenever possible, when leaving home, to carry with them small articles which are to be returned to the merchant.

Every dollar saved in this way by the nation at large will make it stronger in money and means to support the armies in the field and care for the wounded in the hospital, it is asserted by the prominent men concerned in this conservation plan.

POPULAR MINISTER PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON.

Rev. Dr. O. R. Mangum, for the past four years the able and popular pastor of the Paris Baptist church, who recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Henderson, Ky., preached his farewell sermon at the Union services held in the Christian church Sunday night, to an audience that filled the big structure. Mr. Mangum took for his subject, "God's Tomorrow, or, Watchman, What of the Night?"

During his pastorate of the Paris church Dr. Mangum made a host of friends who will regret to see him leave Paris. He will leave for Henderson this week to assume his charge. Under his direction the membership of the Paris church has increased by 272 additions, making a total of 492. He has done a great work in many other ways for the church, and the congregation will feel his loss very acutely. It is not yet known who his successor will be.

THE COUNTY FAIR.

The Third and Fourth Divisions of the Bible Class of the North Middletown Christian Church will hold an old-time county fair, with all the trimmings and frills of the real article, in the church yard at North Middletown, on next Friday night, August 3, beginning promptly at 7:30 o'clock. There will be side shows of various kinds with attractions of guaranteed excellence, red lemonade, peanuts and all the things that used to make life enjoyable at the old county fair in the back days.

Many novel attractions and amusements have been arranged by the committee in charge, and everyone who attends will be sure to get their money's worth. The public is cordially invited.

REAL ESTATE DEAL.

Through the real estate agency of G. R. Snapp, at Carlisle, Mr. W. E. Hill, of Nicholas county, purchased last week of Mr. John Prather, of Carlisle, the latter's farm of 106 acres located in Bourbon county, near the Bourbon-Nicholas line for about \$135 per acre.

NEGRO SHOTS UP CAR ON INTERURBAN LINE.

When Jack Webster, a Paris negro, was put off the 11:15 Paris-Lexington interurban car at Nineteenth street, in this city yesterday for not paying his fare, it made him mad, and Conductor B. Anderson, of Lexington, became the object of his wrath.

Webster got on the car at Twentieth street, and upon being asked for his fare when Nineteenth street was reached, refused to pay. He was promptly ejected by the conductor. Webster, in revenge, produced his revolver from somewhere in the region of where such things are usually carried and proceeded to fire three shots through the car. One shot went through the vestibule, one into the rear end of the car, and one through a window. Anderson leaped from his car and grabbed the shooter, holding him until Paris was reached, when he escorted him to the Paris jail. One shot, it was stated, barely grazed Anderson's collar.

Webster was charged with malicious shooting, with firing into a railway car and with carrying concealed weapons. It was a wonder that the occupants of the car escaped injury by the flying missiles.

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE PAGES OF WAR.

Unless the government speedily procures sufficient troop transports the United States six months hence will have an army of 1,200,000 men "all dressed up but no place to go."

A German submarine was destroyed off the French coast west of Calais. The undersea boat went ashore and the crew, unable to free her, opened the gasoline tanks and set fire to the vessel.

For the second time two hostile submarines have battled to a decision. The British boat was sunk by a shell from its German adversary and all but one of the crew were drowned. The survivor was made a prisoner. The battle occurred in the North Sea.

Generals R. M. Blachford and John Biddle, of the American army, with their staffs, have arrived in England.

MOST BEAUTIFUL WATCH IN THE WORLD.

Some time in August the representative of the Gruen Watch Manufacturing Co. will be at our store with the most beautiful watches in America. Read the advertisement in this issue.

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PERSONNEL OF BARROW HOSPITAL UNIT COMPLETE.

The personnel of the staff of physicians and dentists which will be in charge of the medical work of Base Hospital No. 40, now being organized for service in France, has been announced by Dr. David Barrow, organizer and director of the unit. Exactly half of the staff will be Lexington physicians. Louisville is represented by four. All of them are practicing physicians or surgeons except Drs. Grant and Lileston, both of Louisville, who will compose the dental staff, and Drs. W. S. Stephenson and Carl Rinder, of Deer Lodge, Mont., who will have charge of the laboratory work.

There will be sixty-five nurses to accompany this unit, fifty of whom have already been selected. They are chiefly nurses from Lexington hospitals, with a few coming from Paris and Louisville, and the surrounding cities.

The hospital corps, consisting of litter bearers, ambulance drivers, orderlies, etc., will include 153 men, and 200 applications have already been received for that service.

SOME SNAKE STORY FROM MT. AIRY AVENUE.

While taking his ease in the yard at his home on Mt. Airy Avenue, Sunday afternoon, Mr. Alex Rice, Sr., was attracted by a commotion among the birds in a big tree under which he was sitting. Thinking it was merely a disturbance caused by some unwelcome bird invading the featherly social circle, Mr. Rice paid very little attention to it for a while.

The disturbance continued and increasing in volume and intensity Mr. Rice concluded to investigate. Upon climbing the tree he found a large house snake wrapped around one of the limbs, endeavoring to get within striking distance of the birds. Mr. Rice beat a hasty retreat and going to the house secured his revolver.

He fired four shots at the snake from the ground, a distance of probably twenty-five feet. Three shots took effect in his snakeship. Mr. Rice secured the reptile, and exhibited it to his neighbors as a sample of his marksmanship. The reptile menace removed the birds resumed their Sunday afternoon siesta, and peace and quiet again reigned over the vicinity. The snake measured over four and one-half feet in length.